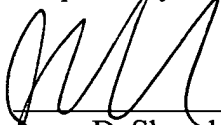


The applicant elects, with traverse, the species illustrated in Fig. 5, and claims 1-3, 4-6, 9-15, 18-20 and 23-26 which are readable thereon for prosecution in the subject application.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, (781)890-5678.

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